

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 2, 2006. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present Application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21. Applicant has also canceled claims 2, 10, 11, and 17. Consequently, claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, and 18-21 remain pending in the present Application.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 8 was allowable. The Examiner also indicated that claims 2-6, 11-13, and 17-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant welcomes the Examiner's indication that claims 2-6, 8, 11-13, and 17-21 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, and 16 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 10-11, and 17, respectively. Applicant has also amended claims 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21 to remove alphanumeric designations. Applicant has also amended claim 13 to be in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has also amended claims 3, 4, 18, and 19 to depend upon a pending claim, rather than a canceled claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added.

Thus, Applicant has either incorporated the limitations of dependent claim(s) which the Examiner indicated would be allowable or put dependent claims in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, and 18-21 are allowable as currently presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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